

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2281 – SB 2309

February 27, 2018

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Prohibits a juvenile court from imposing a fine or fee against a child and instead requires any fine or fee to be assessed against the child's parent or legal guardian.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013597): Deletes and rewrites all language after the enacting clause. Authorizes a juvenile court to impose a fine or fee against a child or a child's parent or legal guardian, whichever the court finds appropriate.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 37-1-131(a)(5), if a child is found to be a delinquent child, the court is authorized to assess a fine of up to \$50 for each offense that constitutes a violation of a state law or municipal ordinance.
- Further, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 37-1-146(b)(4), if a child is found to be in violation of a traffic law or ordinance, the court may impose a fine of up to \$50.
- Based on information provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts, it is estimated that requiring any such fine to be imposed against a child or the child's parent or legal guardian will not significantly impact fine revenue to the court system.
- No fiscal impact on the operations of the Department of Children's Services.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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